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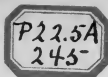
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“THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.”

DOES NOT THIS LAW FORBID THE ARBITRARY
CHANGE OF THE MEASURE OF VALUE?

The standard measure of value among the Jews and down to the present time has been a certain weight of gold or silver. The weight has determined the value. Our law of 1792 attempted to adjust the weight of the gold dollar to the weight of the silver dollar, so that both buyers and sellers would be equally willing to pay and to receive gold dollars, or silver dollars. The attempt failed. The law of 1834 readjusted the weights, still trying to have the silver and gold dollars always of the same value. The

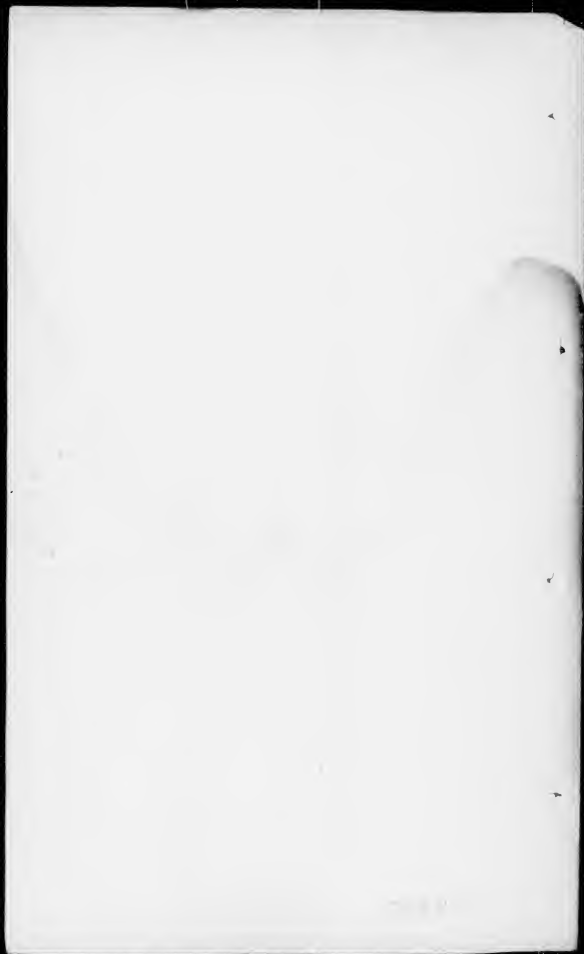
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effort to keep these values equal failed again. The silver dollar was not used, and the gold dollar became the standard measure of values. Its weight was fixed at 25.8 grains of standard gold. This has been the measure of value ever since. This is the measure, this exact weight of gold, which has been called a *dollar*, and with which all business transactions have been measured for over sixty years. It is now proposed to change this measure, and to substitute for it a weight of silver which has only one-half the value of 25.8 grains of gold. Here are two measures, a *great* and a *small*. It is proposed that contracts made in the great measure shall be paid in the small. Honesty cries out shame on the proposal; reason and common sense oppose it; the law laid down in the Bible forbids it.

READ WHAT IS WRITTEN;

"Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy days may be lengthen'd in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously are an abomination unto the Lord thy God." Deut. 25, 14-16.

"Divers weights and divers measures. Both of them are alike abomination to the Lord." Proverbs 20, 10.



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